

Event Recycling

A recycling program must be provided at every official gathering and at every sports facility in communities where recycling services are available to businesses.

It's the LAW!

Effective 2007, Washington State law requires vendors and organizers for festivals, sports facilities and official gatherings to provide recycling containers for their events. [See RCW 70.93.093 for complete language]



When is recycling required?

Events where authorization to hold the event is approved, recognized, or issued by a government, public body, or authority, including but not limited to fairs, musical concerts, athletic games, festivals, tournaments, or any other formal or ceremonial event, during which beverages are sold by a vendor or vendors in single-use aluminum cans, glass bottles or plastic bottles.



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Recycling at events is a team effort.

What needs to be recycled?

- ◆ Aluminum cans, glass bottles, & plastic bottles.

Why is recycling important?

- ◆ Recycling saves money on landfill costs and cuts down on energy and greenhouse gas use in the manufacturing process.

How do I set up an event recycling program?

- ◆ Contact a local commercial recycling service provider to rent containers and arrange for service.

**See reverse for
more details**

RCW 70.93.093

Official gatherings and sports facilities — Recycling.

In communities where there is an established curbside service and where recycling service is available to businesses, a recycling program must be provided at every official gathering and at every sports facility by the vendors who sell beverages in single-use aluminum, glass, or plastic bottles or cans. A recycling program includes provision of receptacles or reverse vending machines, and provisions to transport and recycle the collected materials. Facility managers or event coordinators may choose to work with vendors to coordinate the recycling program. The recycling receptacles or reverse vending machines must be clearly marked, and must be provided for the aluminum, glass, or plastic bottles or cans that contain the beverages sold by the vendor.

[2007 c 244 § 2.]

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.93.093>

Definitions (selected): RCW 70.93.030

(9) “Official gathering” means an event where authorization to hold the event is approved, recognized, or issued by a government, public body, or authority, including but not limited to fairs, musical concerts, athletic games, festivals, tournaments, or any other formal or ceremonial event, during which beverages are sold by a vendor or vendors in single-use aluminum, glass, or plastic bottles or cans.

(12) “Public place” means any area that is used or held out for use by the public whether owned or operated by public or private interests.

(13) “Recycling” means transforming or remanufacturing waste materials into a finished product for use other than landfill disposal or incineration.

(15) “Sports facility” means an outdoor recreational sports facility, including but not limited to athletic fields and ballparks, at which beverages are sold by a vendor or vendors in single-use aluminum, glass, or plastic bottles or cans.

Summary

A recycling program must be provided at every official gathering and at every sports facility in communities where there is an established curbside service available to businesses.

Required elements of the recycling program:

1. Clearly marked recycling receptacles at public events (official gatherings and sports facilities).
2. Recycling collection of single-use aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles.
3. Provisions to transport and recycle the collected materials.
4. Beverage vendors are responsible for providing and funding the recycling program.